GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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REMOVAL OF URBAN RURAL DISPARITY
ALE NARENDRA

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to remove urban/rural disparity in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a study conducted by the Government has indicated that crores of rupees allocated under various Central rural development schemes do not reach the beneficiaries in villages;

(d) if so, the details of the main recommendations of the study reports; and

(e) the action taken by the Government to remedy the situation ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT(SHRI ANNASAHEB M. K. PATIL)

(a) The Ministry of Rural Development recognises the need to remove urban/rural disparity in the country.

(b) The Ministry of Rural Development has been implementing the major employment generation programmes and housing programmes for the benefit of the rural poor. The Ministry also implements rural water supply and sanitation programmes to improve the living conditions of the rural people. The newly launched Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) is aimed at providing better connectivity to the rural areas.

(c) No such Report has come to the notice of the Ministry of Rural Development.

(d) Question does not arise.

(e) The Ministry of Rural Development has been impressing upon the States to implement the Schemes more effectively and in accordance with the guidelines. In order to improve the implementation of the Schemes and to ensure better delivery of the benefits to the poor, a four pronged strategy comprising
(i) Creation of Awareness about the Schemes,
(ii) Transparency,
(iii) People`s Partnership and
(iv) Accountability - Social Audit through Gram Sabhas has been evolved.